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**OFFICIAL**Title: SEPARATED TARGETED ELASTIC  
ZONE FOR IMPROVED PROCESS  
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**AMENDMENT B**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 04 March 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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